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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination of the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows.

## In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 5 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for fabricating a seal-integrated separator for a fuel cell, and seal-integrated separator including a separator body having a communication port, and seals which are integrated on both sides of said separator body and which are